SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" If by this new arrangement water is supplied for this sugar factory during a particular season, I want to know whether the original arrangement of letting off water for irrigation for all paddy fields during the normal season, will not be interferred with. I want to know the opinion of Government in this regard? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have no information. If a separate question is put, I shall be able to answer."

Service condition of State Public Prosecutors

* 1819 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any resolution passed at the Conference of State Public Prosecutors held at Coimbatore on 19th February 1954 touching their service conditions and recruitment to the judiciary, etc. ; and

(*b*) if so, whether any action has been taken in pursuance thereof?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Apparently the hon. Member has in mind the recent Public Prosecutors' Conference held at Coimbatore on 19th February 1955. A copy of the resolutions passed in it has been received and is receiving attention."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Hon. Minister refers only to the Public Prosecutors' Conference held on 19th February 1955. The demands of the Public Prosecutors in their annual conferences are well-known. The Committee which went into the question of separation of the Judiciary from the Executive have recommended certain things so that the conditions of these State Public Prosecutors may be bettered. Will the Government take a final decision in this matter? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Committee's report is with reference to the First Grade Assistant Public Prosecutors and Second Grade Assistant Public Prosecutors. Generally the term Public Prosecutors include Public Prosecutors in Sessions Courts and Additional Sessions Court. As far as the other aspect is concerned, we have taken into consideration the recommendations made in the report and we have effected some changes in the renumeration to be given to Assistant Public Prosecutors, Grade II."

Magistrates in gazetted rank and Deputy Collectors

* 1820 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the number of gazetted officers in the State working as Magistrates and Deputy Collectors?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Magistrates (as on 15th January 1955)—Forty-four.

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Deputy Collectors (as on 15th January 1955)—One hundred and thirty-six."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" In the matter of promotion to the cadre of District Collectors from the cadre of Deputy Collectors, a panel is being maintained by Government and is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that due justice is not shown to the people in the panel and some of the Scheduled Caste and Backward class members are being overlooked to the detriment of their interests? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" There is no question of overlooking. The cases are scrutinized on merits and there is provision also for showing some preference to Scheduled Castes and Backward classes."

Government lorries used for Avadi Congress

* 1821 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the number of Government lorries used for the recent Avadi Congress Session?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Eighty-two lorries belonging to Government were used in connection with the All-India Congress Session held at Avadi. Of these, 73 lorries were used for bandobust duties. Five lorries on works of formation of roads, one lorry for conveyance of pipes for water-supply and three lorries were hired to a private artist to carry portraits. Hire charges wherever leviable have been levied. "

Construction of a vent in the Veerasholan river

* 1822 Q.—SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the villagers of Manganallur, Mayuram taluk, Tanjore district, have made any representation to the District Collector and Executive Engineer, Tanjore, requesting the Government to construct a vent in the Veerasholan river for irrigation;

(b) whether any investigation was made and any estimate prepared;

(c) whether the villagers offered to contribute a portion of the cost of construction; and

(d) if so, at what stage the proposal now stands?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) If the reference is to the petition for the construction of a permanent sluice in the place of a temporary pipe on the right bank of the Veerasholan river, the answer is in the affimative.